

lon's destruction. 5. By their blessing on the destroyer of Babylon and Babylon's children. Vs. 8 and 9.

II. Notice:

- a. The strength of their devotion.
- b. The bitterness of their defiance to Babylon.
- c. The risk they took in being loyal to Jerusalem. Dan. 3: 1, 6, 8, 12; Dan. 6: 10.
- d. That Daniel Webster used the words of verses 5 and 6 in his great speech against Hayne in regard to his devotion to his country.
- e. That too often men to day are afraid to risk anything to be true to Christ. Mark 9: 38.
- f. That we ought to be as loyal to our Christ and our church in this day of light and freedom as those Jews were to their desecrated city in that age of darkness. Luke 12: 47, 48.
- g. That after seventy years God rewarded the Jews for their loyalty by restoring them to their own land.

Is God ever untrue to those who are loyal to him? Heb. 13: 5.

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Church News.

Report of the Michigan State Conference.

The conference opened with devotional services by the chairman. Address of welcome by J. H. English. In absence of John Shank response was given by D. V. Yoder. Appointment of committee on committees by the President—J. G. Winey, John English, Charles Runels.

Committee on Committees reported as follows: Committee on Credentials—Walter Clark, John English, W. O. Bowers. Committee on Rules—Chas. Runels, Eva Penwell, Viola Williams. Committee on Queries—J. G. Winey, W. Clark, John English.

The word of greeting sent by the delegate of the Bethel church was accepted by conference and ordered to be placed on the record.

Report of Committee on Rules: No person shall speak more than five minutes, and shall not speak more than twice on any one subject.

It was moved and carried that we elect a State Evangelist and he shall be chairman of the Mission Board. The said Evangelist and Mission Board shall see that each church or congregation is doing and helping all they can by sending out a worker into some place within their territory and by raising all the funds they can to support the work.

Motion was made and carried that the representative delegate to the State con-

ference be chosen from among the laity of the church.

How shall the Brethren church in Michigan be Strengthened? Discussion opened by J. G. Winey, followed by others. On motion it was carried that the chair appoint a committee to formulate a plan for the strengthening of the church in Michigan. Committee:—Walter Clark, J. H. English, J. G. Winey. Committee's report:

1. By the united effort of the ministry and the members and by the faithful obedience of the gospel.
2. By having a good State Evangelist.
3. By having more frequent communion and a greater effort made by the ministers and members to get together upon such occasions.
4. By having more protracted meeting.
5. As Jesus said, that "without me ye can do nothing," therefore, let each and every one make every lawful effort to secure power from on high to carry out the work of grace.

A systematic plan whereby the Brethren church may raise funds to defray the expenses of the church. Moved and carried that this conference earnestly request every member of the church to pay 25c. each quarter or \$1.00 each year for State missionary purposes.

What is the best method to adopt to get an interest in the church? Opened by J. H. English, followed by others. Answer: It is the sense of this conference that we take Christ and his apostles and their teachings as the best methods to get an interest in the church.

Should a congregation or church organization have a printed or written discipline or rules of church government? Answer: It is the sense of this conference that the Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice for all time to come.

Church Extension and Missions. Discussion opened by J. G. Winey. Motion made and carried that it is the sense of this conference that each congregation send out their pastor into some place in the surrounding country within their territory when not at the home work.

Report of S. S. C. E.: Almira, not present; Bethel, Vernie Rice; Campbell, J. G. Winey; New Troy, Mrs. Plecher.

Topic—Our College. Motion made and carried, that it is the sense of this conference that we will help to pay the college debt. Motion made and carried that each congregation shall appoint a solicitor and receiver for the college debt.

Our Publishing House. It is the sense of this conference that we will help our Publishing House by way of supporting it by taking the BRETHREN EVANGELIST and

S. S. literature and also by buying and distributing their tracts.

Committee on S. S. C. E.:—Phoeby Darby, chairman; Almira Rice, secretary; Hattie Bowers, treasurer.

Committee on S. S. work.—J. H. English, chairman; W. Clark, treasurer; Clinton Henry, secretary.

King's Children:—Viola Williams, chairman; Porter Lipscomb, treasurer; Vernie Rice, Secretary.

By ballot Walter Clark, was chosen State Evangelist.

Committee on Committee:—Reported as follows: President, J. G. Winey; Vice Chairman, J. H. English; Clerk, Walter Clark; State Statistician, W. O. Bowers;

Executive Committee:—Clinton Henry, John Shank, Samuel Rice.

On Program:—George Clum, J. D. Solomon, W. Clark.

We your Committee on Resolutions, submit to you the following:

Resolved, that by the grace of God we will do all in our power to spread the gospel and enlarge the Brethren church in Michigan, that in his name we will. Resolved, at all times and in all places put down all vices, such as intemperance, ungodliness, and etc. Resolved, that this conference will stand by our several mission points and patronize our Publishing House. Resolved, that we will accept Christ and his Apostles as our example. Resolved, that we sincerely thank the Lord for enabling us to meet together at this conference and for his guidance while here. Resolved, that we tender a vote of thanks for our entertainment while here at this place. Signed: Mrs. M. English, Grace Reynolds, Porter Lipscomb.

Mission Board:—Walter Clark, Mary E. English, Grace Reynolds, J. P. Rench.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional services the evangelist was ordained to his office.

Topic. How Shall the S. S. C. C. be Enlarged? Paper was read by sister Mary English, followed by a general discussion. Answer:

1. It is the sense of this conference that each and every member of the society become enthused with the importance of the society.
2. Enthused with the importance of working to obtain a degree of perfection in all its work.
3. That we practice a high degree of Christian courtesy both among themselves and others.
4. By each one soliciting others to take a part in the good work.
5. By showing to others that it is a good work and an important work, and so